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The attached is a request for renewal of Project AECHAMP/FI.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans Staff, FI

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project AECHAMP/FI

1. It is requested that Project AECHAMP/FI be renewed for the period 1 July 1954 through 30 June 1955. The information required by paragraph 13a of CSI No. 236-1, "Basic Plan and Project Procedure for FI Operations," dated 1 September 1953, is furnished in the succeeding paragraphs of this memorandum.

2. An appreciable amount of positive, operational, and document intelligence was produced by this project through the media of: secret writing letters from a CIA-infiltrated agent in Lithuania; a CE operation which involved legally-travelling railroad employees in the Soviet Union; and interrogation of refugees and repatriates from Lithuania. The information obtained satisfied some requirements placed by outside customers and increased greatly this Agency's knowledge of the operational situation within Lithuania.

3. The returns from this project as measured against expenditure of FI assets in terms of personnel, time, security risk, and funds, are justifiable. The counterespionage aspects of this project demanded taking of unusual security risks at certain times. These risks were, however, greatly minimized by proper planning and counter measures.

4. This project has furthered the approved Country Plan to the extent that:

a. An appreciable amount of intelligence has been procured concerning RIS techniques, personnel, and objectives, in countering our efforts in Lithuania.

b. Information has been obtained concerning control, travel, and residence conditions in Lithuania. Availability of the above data increases appreciably the chances of success in future Lithuanian operations.

c. Several existing correspondence channels between the U.S. and Lithuania have been discovered and developed for use as S/W channels in future operations.

5. The following summaries are furnished, as requested in the regulation cited in paragraph 1. above:

a. Some progress had been made to establish a net of agents in Lithuania until it was recently discovered that the agent who

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had been placed in Lithuania by CIA is almost certainly under control.

b. This is a Headquarters project.

c. It is planned to infiltrate a team of two agents into Lithuania during 1955. These agents will attempt to recruit persons now legally residing in Lithuania for the purpose of providing support facilities in the collection of positive and operational intelligence in the Baltic states.

d. Future operations will embody plans for exfiltrating teams after a specified length of time is spent in the denied area.

e. During the period 1 July 1953 through 30 June 1954, the amount of [] was authorized and allotted. It is estimated that by 30 June 1954, approximately the entire authorization of [] will have been expended. The estimated cost for the period 1 July 1954 through 30 June 1955 is:

Personnel:

One contract principal agent

Two contract penetration agents

Equipment and Supplies: (See attached Logistics Annex.)

Money:

Agent Salaries:

Principal Agent

~~Compensation and allowances~~

2 Action Agents @

\$4,000.00 each

5,000.00

~~2,000.00~~

\$5,000.00

8,000.00

\$13,000.00

~~11,000.00~~

\$13,000.00

Travel

~~Material~~ *Operational expenses*

~~Operational Expenses:~~

Purchase of information and entertainment

Bonuses

*Foreign Currency

TOTAL:

*Finance Division is authorized to write off Roses and other foreign currency carried as operational funds by AECHAMP/FI agents at time of dispatch as well as transmitted to them subsequent to their dispatch.

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f. No commitments have been made to date to any personnel whose employment under this project is anticipated. It is believed, however, that commitments to the two action agents will include:

- (1) Return to the United States as a permanent resident subsequent to completion of mission.
- (2) Death and injury insurance benefits.
- (3) Bonus of approximately \$2,500.00 to each agent upon completion of mission.

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